

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of

MAR 30 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

Division

Case No.

(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Robert Joseph Smith

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

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Harris County Jail, Harris, co, TX)

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names. Do not include addresses here.)

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

(Prisoner Complaint)

NOTICE

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 5.2 addresses the privacy and security concerns resulting from public access to electronic court files. Under this rule, papers filed with the court should *not* contain: an individual's full social security number or full birth date; the full name of a person known to be a minor; or a complete financial account number. A filing may include *only*: the last four digits of a social security number; the year of an individual's birth; a minor's initials; and the last four digits of a financial account number.

Except as noted in this form, plaintiff need not send exhibits, affidavits, grievance or witness statements, or any other materials to the Clerk's Office with this complaint.

In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the filing fee or an application to proceed in forma pauperis.

Defendant No. 3

Name

Job or Title (*if known*)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

City

State

Zip Code

 Individual capacity Official capacity

Defendant No. 4

Name

Job or Title (*if known*)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

City

State

Zip Code

 Individual capacity Official capacity**II. Basis for Jurisdiction**

Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, you may sue state or local officials for the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” Under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), you may sue federal officials for the violation of certain constitutional rights.

A. Are you bringing suit against (*check all that apply*): Federal officials (a *Bivens* claim) State or local officials (a § 1983 claim)

B. Section 1983 allows claims alleging the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, what federal constitutional or statutory right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by state or local officials?

Freedom of Religion, Press, Expression.

C. Plaintiffs suing under *Bivens* may only recover for the violation of certain constitutional rights. If you are suing under *Bivens*, what constitutional right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by federal officials?

C. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?

from August 2019 to march 2020

D. What are the facts underlying your claim(s)? (For example: *What happened to you? Who did what? Was anyone else involved? Who else saw what happened?*)

I am Jewish and require a kosher meal and the Harris County Jail will not provide me that meal, which is a violation of my 1st Amendment.

V. Injuries

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive.

VI. Relief

State briefly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and or punitive damages claimed for the acts alleged. Explain the basis for these claims.

make the Harris County
Provide Kosher meals to all Jewish inmates.

D. Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose concerning the facts relating to this complaint?

Yes

No

If no, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

Yes

No

E. If you did file a grievance:

1. Where did you file the grievance? *at the Harris County Jail*

2. What did you claim in your grievance?

*that there was a violation of my
1st Amendment rite,*

3. What was the result, if any? *they did nothing to resolve
the matter, told me to get a vegan
meal.*

4. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Is the grievance process completed? If not, explain why not. *(Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process.)*

*I appealed the grievance Boards
decision, and nothing was done.*

A. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

Yes

No

B. If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s) _____

Defendant(s) _____

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State) _____

3. Docket or index number _____

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case _____

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit _____

6. Is the case still pending? _____

Yes

No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition. _____

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?) _____

C. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?

No

IX. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: March, 17, 2020

Signature of Plaintiff

Robert Smith

Printed Name of Plaintiff

Robert Joseph Smith

Prison Identification #

02868464

Prison Address

1200 Baker Street Cell: 6H1
Houston Texas 77002
City State Zip Code

B. For Attorneys

Date of signing: _____

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Address

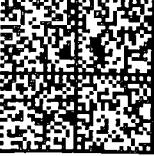
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

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